Cost escalation of delayed projects

1017. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) the name of the implementing agency in each project costing Rs. 20 crores or more alongwith the original sanctioned cost and the latest cost overrun estimate; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to pages 149-194 of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Programme Implementation for the year 1987-88, which give *inter alia* the relevant details.

Data received from the IRS-IA

1018. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the data and other useful information besides the photos received by the IRS—IA so far; and

(b) whether any steps have been initiated on the basis of the data and other information received to tap the ground water resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) IRS-1A Satellite has successfully imaged the whole of India once, with the Linear Imaging Self Scanning (LISS-I) (70 M) Camera and LISS-II (36 M) resolution camera. The second coverage cycle has commenced.

(b) After technical evaluation, IRS-1A satellite data will be used for various resources management applications including ground water exploration.

Development of digital facsimile system

1019. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electronic Corporation of India has developed a system called digital facsimile system;

(b) if so, when such system was developed and experimented;

(c) the result of the experiment and its economic implication;

(d) whether it is economically viable; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to introduce such system expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) ECIL manufactures and sells Digital Facsimile with know-how from Japan.

(b) ECIL Digital Facsimile was experimented and approved by the Department of Telecommunications for use on switched telephones network during 1987.

(c) This results were satisfactory and the system is economical.

(d) Yes, Sir.